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- 1. According to Welmut Lehmann of the SED Politburo, the suppression of Colonel Tyulpanov's speech to the SED Parteitag arose from the disagreement of Marshal Sokolovski and Major General Kotikov with Tyulpanov.
- 2. As Tyulpanov is held responsible for the political error of the blockade and the resulting economic damage to the Soviet Zone, Sokolovski and Kotikov tried to influence Ambassador Semeonov against Tyulpanov. Semeonov, opposed to the latter's policy, ordered the suppression of Tyulpanov's speech at the Parteitag.
- 3. On 30 January 1949 Ernst Reuter was reliably informed that Tyulpanov was in Berlin on 29 January fighting to maintain his position.
- 4. On 28 January Hermann Schlimme of the FDGB said that inquiries of leading SED Communists at STA Headquarters, Karlshorst, concerning SED policy met with no reply. It is believed that no new instructions have been received from Moscow regarding immediate political steps in Berlin.

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